

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please add the following new paragraphs to the beginning of the Specification:

**--Cross-Reference to Related Applications**

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No.10/430,734 "Loaded Transducer for Downhole Drilling Components" filed on May 6, 2003 and is also a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No.10/612,255 "Transmission Element for Downhole Drilling Components" filed on July 2, 2003, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application serial No.10/453,076 entitled "Improved Transducer for Downhole Drilling Components" filed on June 3, 2003. All the above applications incorporated by reference herein for all they contain.

**Statement of Government Interest**

This invention was made with government support under Contract No. DE-FC26-01NT41229 awarded by the U.S. Department of Energy. The government has certain rights in the invention.--